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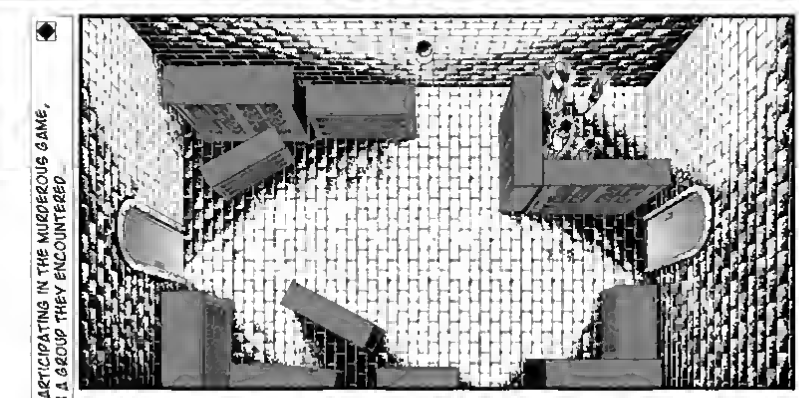
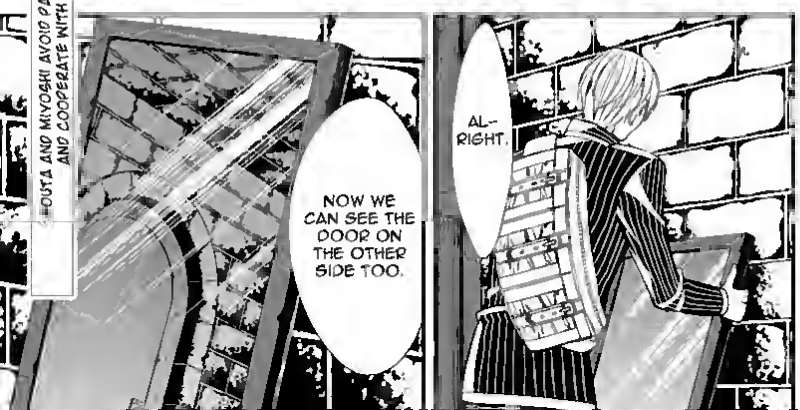
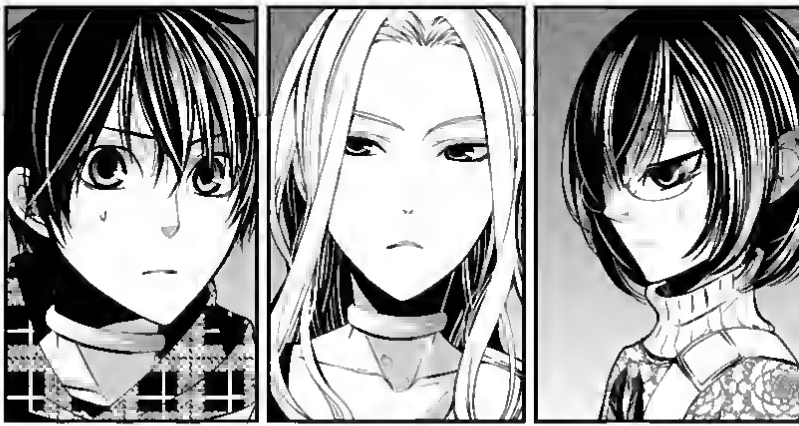


◆ OSTA AND MIYOSHI AVOID PARTICIPATING IN THE MURDEROUS GAME, AND COOPERATE WITH A GROUP THEY ENCOUNTERED



RIGHT,
WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR THE OTHERS, WE'LL SHARE THE INFORMATION WE KNOW.



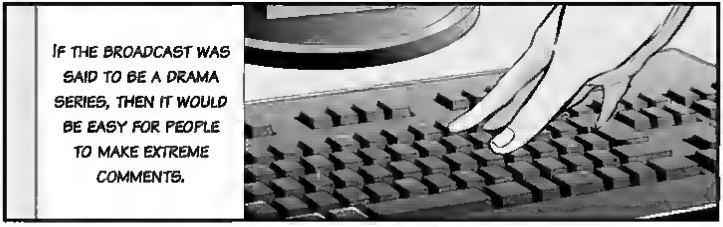
DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, MOCHIZUKI-KUN?
EH? UMM...
WELL...

YOU MENTIONED A SCRIPT AND HAVING SEEN THE BROADCAST EARLIER
THEY'RE GOING TO START FROM THE BEGINNING, HUH
WHY DON'T YOU KNOW THE RULES...?
THEY'VE GOT TOO MUCH FREE TIME ON THEIR HANDS.
OH, RIGHT. YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE BROADCAST.
VIDEO FOOTAGE FROM THIS PLACE IS BEING BROADCAST ON THE "BLOODY JUNKIE" CHANNEL, WHICH IS PART OF A PAID STREAMING SITE.
THE UNIQUE ASPECT OF THIS BROADCAST IS THAT IT'S A REAL TIME GAME WHERE EVENTS CAN BE ALTERED BY THE OPINIONS OF THE VIEWERS

WE BELIEVED THAT THE PARTICIPANTS WERE ALL ACTORS AND THAT THE SHOW HAD A ROUGH SCRIPT, WHICH WAS ALTERED ACCORDING TO THE OPINIONS OF THE VIEWERS.
WHEN WE WATCHED THE BROADCAST WE THOUGHT IT WAS A SCRIPTED DRAMA SERIES.
I THOUGHT THAT THE WORDS "IT MIGHT BE YOUR TURN NEXT", WHICH APPEARED AT THE END OF THE SHOW, WERE JUST MEANT TO SCARE US
OH YEAH THAT DOES APPEAR LOL
WE COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE WERE REALLY BEING KILLED
I GUESS THEY BROADCAST IT BELIEVING THE VIEWERS WOULDN'T THINK PEOPLE REALLY WERE KILLING EACH OTHER
I WAS SO SCARED WHEN I FIRST SAW IT I THOUGHT THE WORDS WERE ONLY SHOWING UP ON MY COMPUTER LOL
.....

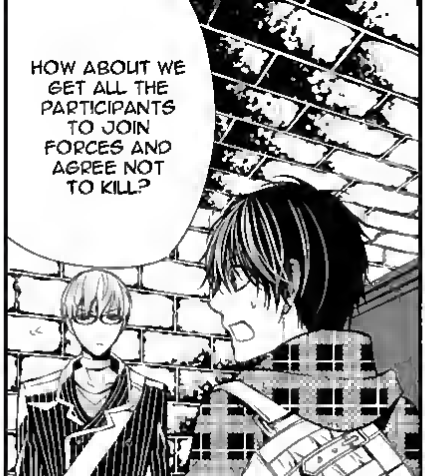
"A NORMAL PERSON WOULDN'T WATCH THIS BROAD-CAST."

I might have had the feeling I was watching something that wasn't meant to be seen, and then watched the broadcast of my own will.
I wonder what would have happened if I had a friend who watched it, and told me there was an interesting channel I should watch.
But...
...Maybe I would have watched the broadcast too?


If the broadcast was said to be a drama series, then it would be easy for people to make extreme comments.

If those three are "strange" because they watched the broadcast,
then does that mean I'm "normal" because I haven't seen it?
What does "normal" mean anyway?

Even though I was about to kill someone earlier?
I don't know...
I can't even trust myself...


HOW ABOUT WE GET ALL THE PARTICIPANTS TO JOIN FORCES AND AGREE NOT TO KILL?

I SHOULD TRY TO BE HELPFUL, EVEN IF I CAN ONLY DO A LITTLE.
I SHOULD STOP THINKING ABOUT DEPRESSING THINGS.
RIGHT
SQUEEZE

HUH...?!
IF THERE'S NO WINNER AFTER THREE DAYS, THEN EVERYONE WILL DIE.

THIS GAME IS THREE DAYS LONG.

YOU'RE WEARING A COLLAR, RIGHT?
THESE WERE PUT ON US BY THE ORGANISERS TO KILL US IN CASE SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENS
SO IT'S NO GOOD EVEN IF WE COOPERATE AND SURVIVE...?
THEN DOESN'T THAT MEAN GATHERING TOGETHER LIKE THIS IS POINTLESS?!
SHOCK
!?
A COLLAR?!
NO ONE WOULD WEAR SOMETHING LAME LIKE THIS!
B-BUT I COULDN'T SEE MY OWN NECK!
I THOUGHT EVERYONE WAS WEARING THEM BECAUSE THEY WERE STYLISH
YOU DIDN'T NOTICE IT BEFORE?
YOU'RE SO SLOW

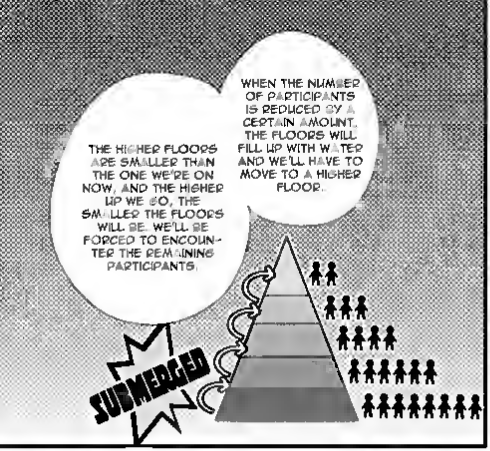
IT'S TRUE... THEY'RE BOTH WEARING COLLARS.
THE COLLAR IS STYL ISH LOL
THEY'RE NOT STYLISH
HE REALLY DIDN'T NOTICE? EVERYONE HE MET WAS WEARING ONE.
MOST PEOPLE PROBABLY THINK THAT
MIYOSHI-SAN IS TOO...!
.....!

IF EVERYONE'S GOING TO DIE ANYWAY, THEY MIGHT AS WELL
KILL THEM.
NO WAY... I THOUGHT WE COULD GET OUT OF HERE,
BUT BE-CAUSE WE'VE GOT THESE, THERE'S NO ESCAPE...
MOCHI-ZUKI-KUN

IF THERE'S STILL A CHANCE, THEN I WANT TO FIND A WAY EVERYONE CAN SURVIVE.
GIVING UP IS TOO EASY.

OKAY!
INSTEAD OF PREPARING TO DIE, WE SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO FIGHT FOR OUR LIVES!

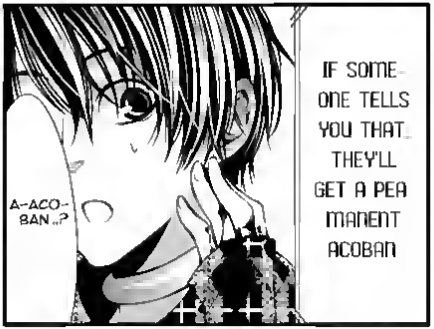
YES...
FUJINO-SAN IS RIGHT.


WHEN THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS REDUCED BY A CERTAIN AMOUNT, THE FLOORS WILL FILL UP WITH WATER AND WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE TO A HIGHER FLOOR.
THE HIGHER FLOORS ARE SMALLER THAN THE ONE WE'RE ON NOW, AND THE HIGHER UP WE GO, THE SMALLER THE FLOORS WILL BE. WE'LL BE FORCED TO ENCOUNTER THE REMAINING PARTICIPANTS.
SUBMERGED

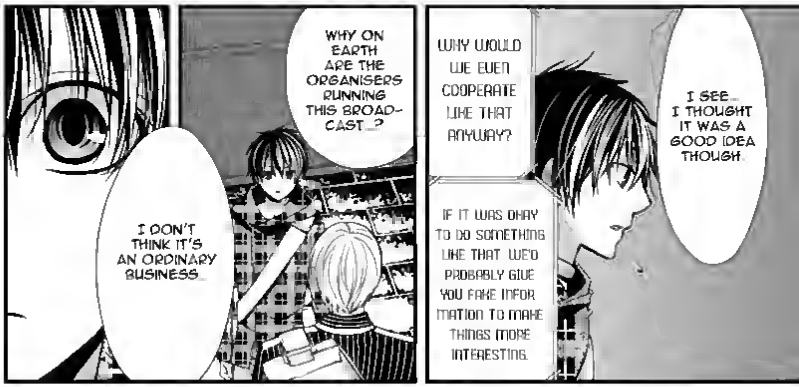
UNFORTUNATELY, IN THE FINAL STAGE OF THE GAME THERE IS A SYSTEM WHICH MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO AVOID FIGHTING.

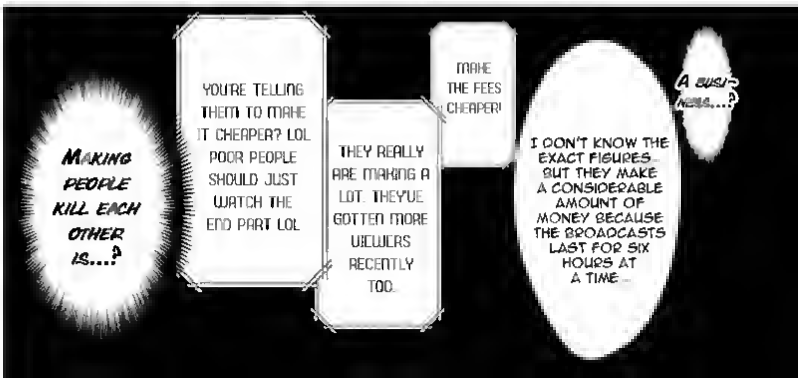
EH...
EH?!
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT AN ACOBAN IS?!
GRAB
EEK
SHOUTA-KUN IS REALLY OLD-FASHIONED!
THAT'S THE WAY TO GO MISS!

NO, THAT'S...
YOU IDIOT
BUT COULDN'T WE GET THE PEOPLE IN THE CHAT ROOM TO COOPERATE AND TELL US WHERE THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS ARE?

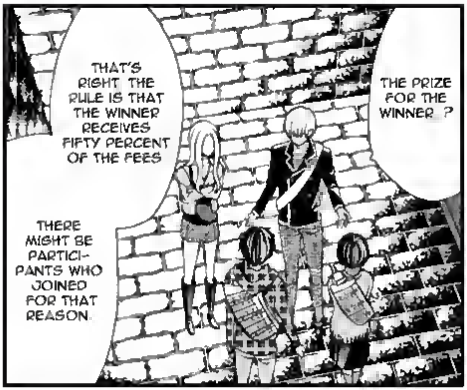

A-ACOBAN...?
IF SOMEONE TELLS YOU THAT, THEY'LL GET A PERMANENT ACOBAN

JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM THE SMART GUY WITH GLASSES!
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO POST COMMENTS OR VIEW THE BROADCAST
tch
"ACO" MEANS "ACCOUNT", AND "BAN" MEANS "TO FORBID".
THE USE OF YOUR ACCOUNT IS RESTRICTED OR COMPLETELY FORBIDDEN...
THAT'S RIGHT. THE ORGANISERS DECIDE WHETHER SOMETHING IS RELEVANT OR NOT, SO YOU CAN'T EVEN MENTION SOMETHING THAT COULD BE SLIGHTLY REVEALING.


WHY ON EARTH ARE THE ORGANISERS RUNNING THIS BROADCAST...?
I DON'T THINK IT'S AN ORDINARY BUSINESS...
WHY WOULD WE EVEN COOPERATE LIKE THAT ANYWAY?
IF IT WAS OKAY TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT WE'D PROBABLY GIVE YOU FAKE INFORMATION TO MAKE THINGS MORE INTERESTING.
I SEE... I THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA THOUGH.


MAKING PEOPLE KILL EACH OTHER IS...?
YOU'RE TELLING THEM TO MAKE IT CHEAPER? LOL POOR PEOPLE SHOULD JUST WATCH THE END PART LOL
THEY REALLY ARE MAKING A LOT. THEY'VE GOTTEN MORE VIEWERS RECENTLY TOO.
MAKE THE FEES CHEAPER!
I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT FIGURES... BUT THEY MAKE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY BECAUSE THE BROADCASTS LAST FOR SIX HOURS AT A TIME...
A BUSINESS...?

EVER SINCE THE DAY MY OLDER BROTHER DISAPPEARED.
NO...
IS THIS REALLY JAPAN?
IT FEELS SO UNREAL I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TO SAY.
IT'S AS IF I'VE BEEN DREAMING.
EVER SINCE I WOKE UP IN THIS PLACE.
SQUEEZE
AND...
IF THIS IS A DREAM, THEN LET ME WAKE UP SOON...!


THAT'S RIGHT. THE RULE IS THAT THE WINNER RECEIVES FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FEES
THE PRIZE FOR THE WINNER...?
THERE MIGHT BE PARTICI-PANTS WHO JOINED FOR THAT REASON.

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THAT'S WHERE THE PRIZE FOR THE WINNER COMES FROM

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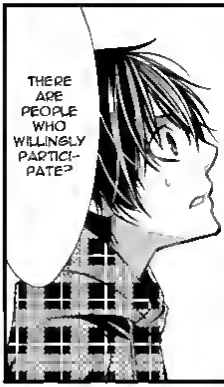

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WILLINGLY PARTICI-PATE?

MAYBE THOSE TWO CHOSE TO PARTICI-PATE...?
...YES. THE INFORMATION PAGE FOR THE BROADCAST SAYS ANYONE WHO WANTS TO PARTICI-PATE SHOULD EMAIL THE ORGANISERS
AH, THAT'S RIGHT.
COME TO THINK OF IT, I READ ON SOME MESSAGE BOARD

EH...?!
THE GUY WHO POSTED IT WAS BUSY AND COULDN'T GO THOUGH.
I SAW THAT MESSAGE TOO
I HEARD THAT SOME PEOPLE GET REPLIES AND OTHERS DON'T. I WONDER WHETHER THAT'S TRUE?
THAT WHEN YOU SEND AN EMAIL ABOUT PARTICIPATING, ONE DAY YOU'LL SUDDENLY GET A REPLY FROM THE ORGANISERS TELLING YOU TO COME TO THE PLACE MARKED ON THE ATTACHED MAP WITHIN THIRTY MINUTES.
HMM? WHY'D YOU SHOUT LIKE THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
T-THAT MES-SAGE IS THE SAME AS THE ONE THAT GOT SENT TO MY PHONE!

I THOUGHT IT WAS A CLUE ABOUT MY BROTHER...
WHEN I TURNED UP AT THAT PLACE, I WAS BROUGHT HERE...!
A SHOCKING TRUTH!
WHY?!
HUHHH?!
HUH?
CALM DOWN, MOCHIZUKI-KUN
WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN...?
CAN YOU EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO US?

I THINK THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.
YOUR BROTHER DISAPPEARED AND YOU GOT A MESSAGE FROM AN UNKNOWN ADDRESS TELLING YOU TO SEND AN EMAIL IF YOU WANTED A CLUE.
YOU SENT AN EMAIL WITHOUT REALISING THAT IT WAS GOING TO THE BLOODY JUNKIE ORGANISERS...
I SEE...
AH...
RIGHT.
SO SOMEONE TRICKED HIM?
WILL THIS BE IMPORTANT LATER?
SO THAT'S WHY HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW THE RULES?
NO.
ME NEI-THER
HAVE YOU HEARD THE NAMES SOUICHI MOCHIZUKI AND MINA HIROSE BEFORE?
I'M NOT SURE. WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHETHER HIS BROTHER'S DISAPPEARANCE IS RELATED TO THE GAME.

ONE OF THOSE NAMES IS YOUR BRO-THER'S... WHOSE IS THE OTHER ONE?
WHEN I SEARCHED FOR "HIROSE" I ONLY GOT RESULTS ABOUT WILD PLANTS LOL WHAT IS THIS? LOL
WHEN I SEARCHED FOR "SOUICHI MOCHIZUKI" I ONLY GOT FORTUNE TELLING SITES
I SEE...
NO ONE USES THEIR REAL NAME ONLINE THESE DAYS
IT'S THE NAME OF MY BROTHER'S GIRL-FRIEND. I BECAME UNABLE TO CON-TACT HER AROUND THE SAME TIME THAT I STOPPED BEING ABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MY BROTHER
HUH, SHE'S DIS-APPEARED TOO?
IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S SOME-THING GOING ON!
DID THEY RUN AWAY TOGE-THER?
ISN'T IT MORE LIKELY THAT THEY CHOSE TO DISAPPEAR?
HUH? BOTH OF THEM HAVE DIS-APPEARED?
DION'T THEY JUST GO AWAY ON A TRIP OR SOMETHING?
THEY ALWAYS CONTACTED ME IF THEY WERE GOING AWAY SO THEY CAN'T HAVE DONE THAT
I'D BE GLAD IF THAT WAS TRUE THOUGH...

NO ONE S GOING TO COME LOOKING FOR ME. MY FAMILY DISOWNED ME AND I JUST BROKE UP WITH MY BOYFRIEND, SO HE S GONE
NO ONE'S GOING TO COME LOOKING FOR ME EITHER
UMM... CONSIDERING THAT THIS MANY OF US GOT TAKEN AWAY, THEN WOULDN'T SOMEONE LIKE OUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS NOTICE THAT WE'RE GONE AND COME LOOKING FOR THIS PLACE?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, MOCHI-ZUKI-KUN?
DO YOU HAVE ANY RELATIVES APART FROM YOUR BRO-THER...?
I DON'T. I JUST QUIT SCHOOL, AND I HAVEN'T BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MY FRIENDS RECENTLY...
BOTH MY P...RENTS ARE WORKING... THEY'RE NOT HOME MOST OF THE TIME...
WHAT ABOUT YOU, MIYO-SHI-S...N...?
THEY'RE KIDNAPPING A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE, SO THEY HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO REDUCE THE RISK...
I SEE ..THE ORGANISERS CONSIDER THAT WHEN THEY CHOOSE THE PARTICI-PANTS

NATSUMI-SAN?
AH, NATSUMI-SAN!
IF SOMEONE WAS GOING TO COME LOOKING FOR ME... IT'D BE ONE OF MY BROTHER'S FRIENDS...
I SEE... RIGHT! NATSUMI-SAN WILL...
THIS IS A NEW WAY OF GETTING TO KNOW PEOPLE.
WAIT A MINUTE! THERE ARE TOO MANY NEW PEOPLE BEING INTRODUCED!
SHE'S MY BROTHER'S GIRLFRIEND'S SISTER
I ONLY MET HER AFTER MY BROTHER AND HIS GIRLFRIEND DISAPPEARED, BUT WE'VE BEEN HELPING EACH OTHER OUT A LOT RECENTLY SO IF I DISAPPEARED SUDDENLY, SHE'D THINK SOMETHING WAS WRONG AND COME LOOKING FOR ME!
HUH?
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE GO MISSING IN A YEAR?

NOW HERE'S A QUESTION HOW MANY DAYS LONG IS THIS GAME?
EARLIER, FUJINO-SAN SAID IT WAS THREE DAYS
ABOUT 80,000 PEOPLE
AND THAT'S ONLY THE ONES WHO'VE BEEN REPORTED MISSING THE ACTUAL NUMBER IS FAR LARGER
RIGHT HERE'S THE SECOND QUESTION
ASSUMING THAT YOU'VE BEEN REPORTED MISSING, HOW LONG DO YOU THINK IT WILL TAKE THE POLICE, WHO ARE VERY BUSY, TO TRACE THE ORGANISERS AND THIS PLACE?
.....!

HE'S COMPLETELY DEFEATED.
...I'VE BEEN THINKING THIS FROM THE BEGINNING. DON'T YOU HAVE TOO LITTLE SENSE OF DANGER?
WELL, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT REALISTICALLY, IT'S TRUE.
EVEN WHEN I KNOCKED YOU DOWN, YOU WERE READY TO FIGHT BACK, BUT HESITATED WHEN YOU SAW MY FACE.
DID YOU LET YOUR GUARD DOWN BECAUSE I'M A WOMAN?

IF I WAS SERIOUS ABOUT KILLING YOU, YOU AND THAT GIRL WOULD BE DEAD NOW.
THERE'S NO WAY I'D LET MYSELF GET HIT, YOU SEE.

IT'S TRUE THAT I WAS UNABLE TO MOVE FOR A MOMENT BECAUSE I WAS SURPRISED TO SEE A WOMAN
IT WOULDN'T BE SURPRISING IF I'D GOTTEN KILLED IN THAT SITUATION.

WELL...

THAT'S
CLENCH
I'M ONLY STANDING HERE NOW BECAUSE SASAKI-SAN DIDN'T HAVE THE INTENTION TO KILL ME.
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN SAY.
!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!

M-MOCHI-ZUKI-SAN...
S-SAVED ME!
THAT GAVE ME A SHOCK.
MIYOSHI CHAN, SHE !
HEY, HEY. WHAT'S GOING ON? LOL

HE TOLD ME TO RUN AWAY... AND PROTECTED ME...!

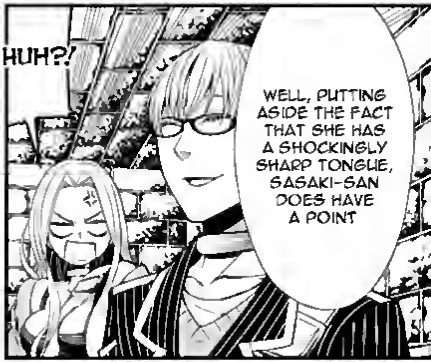
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!
SHOCK

DO YOU THINK THAT LIVES WILL BE SAVED JUST BECAUSE SOMEONE "FEELS THAT THEY WANT TO HELP"?!
THAT WON'T BE ANY USE ONCE SOMEONE'S DEAD!
.....
!
GRAB

AH...
WHAT'S YOUR REPLY?!
YES!
GRAB
AN IDIOT LIKE YOU COULD NEVER HAVE ENOUGH LIVES!
DON'T COUNT ON HELP THAT MIGHT NOT EVEN COME!
WE'RE LOCKED UP IN HERE, A PLACE WHERE MURDERERS ARE WANDERING AROUND!
LISTEN UP! FACE REALITY!

SHE'S SO COOL...
AH... SHE'S SO BOLD...
TWEN
hmph

IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A SENSE OF DANGER. IT'S FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION, YOU SEE.


HUH?!
WELL, PUTTING ASIDE THE FACT THAT SHE HAS A SHOCKINGLY SHARP TONGUE, SASAKI-SAN DOES HAVE A POINT

GRAB
OWWWWW!
DON'T GIVE SUCH AN OBEDIENT REPLY!

O-OKAY

SMACK
!!
whisper
WANT TO TOUCH THEM?
!?
I WOULDN'T LET A KID LIKE YOU TOUCH ME!
OWW!
SMACK
YOU IDIOT! IT'S A HUNDRED YEARS TOO EARLY FOR THAT!

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本気のWEBマガジン登場!!
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MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF SASAKI-SAN WAS THAT WE WOULDN'T GET ALONG WELL BECAUSE OF THE HARSH WAY SHE SPEAKS, BUT NOW THAT I'VE TALKED TO HER, SHE SEEMS RELIABLE.
FUJINO-SAN IS CALM AND EASY TO TALK TO.
I'M GLAD I GOT TO JOIN UP WITH THEM ..
GASP
MIYO-SHI-SAN?
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU LOOK PALE...
EH...
AH...
SORRY, I'M FINE.
.....

EH.
MIYOSHI-SAN ARE YOU UNCOMFORT-ABLE AROUND SASAKI-SAN?
AH.
UMM.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. IT'S NOT SASAKI-SAN.

IT'S JUST THAT SHE'S ALWAYS SO DIRECT WHEN SHE TALKS..
MY FRIEND

WAS KIND OF LIKE THAT TOO... UMM...
AND... SHE HATED ME...
!

SOME...
SOME-ONE I KNOW..

I'M SORRY I ASKED YOU ABOUT SOMETHING TERRIBLE LIKE THAT
AH... IT'S OKAY.

UMM...
...?

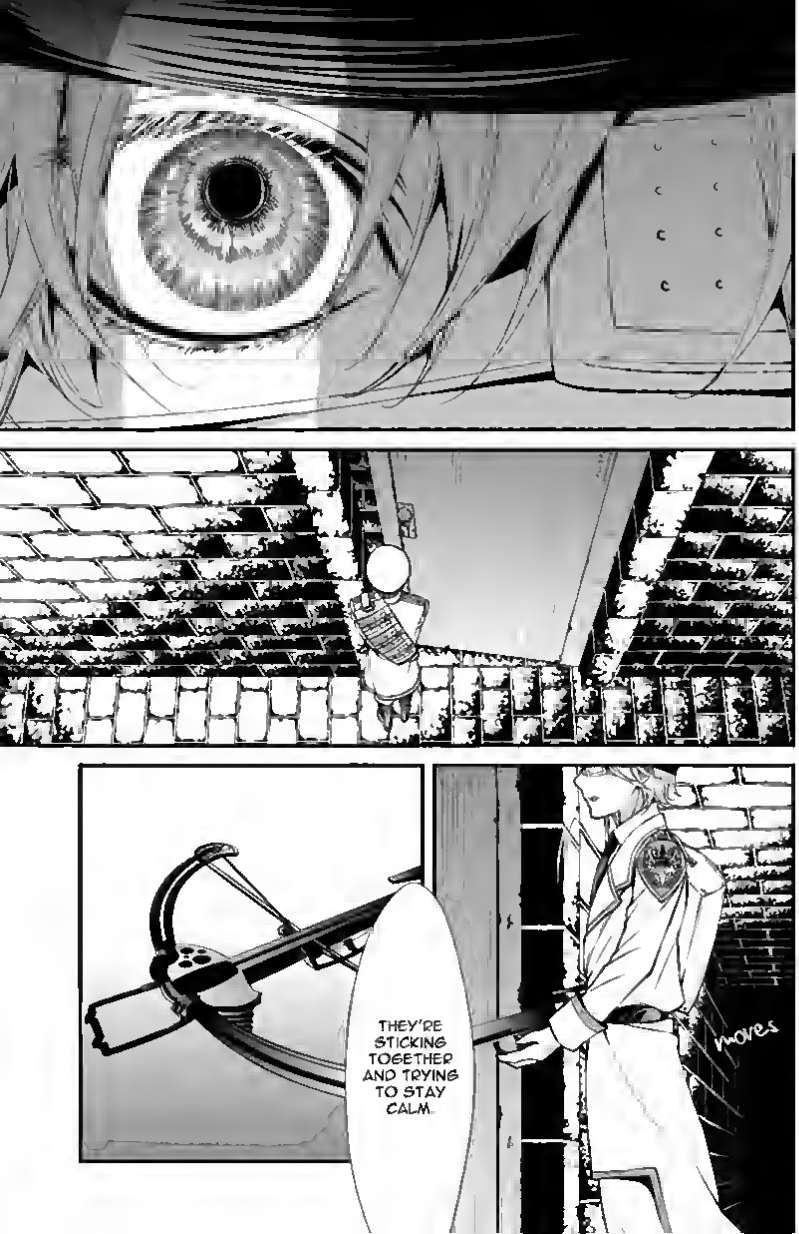
THANK YOU
FOR STICKING UP FOR ME.

AH...
I DID IT BECAUSE IT WAS WHAT I REALLY THOUGHT
WELL

EH...

O-OKAY!

I WAS HAPPY
LET'S TRY OUR BEST TOGETHER


THEY'RE STICKING TOGETHER AND TRYING TO STAY CALM.
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HUMANS ARE
SUCH WEAK CREA-TURES.
THE BOY WITH THE CROSSBOW IS TARGETING SHOUTA AND THE OTHERS—!
CLICK
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